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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

First, let me say that last year, 1996, was a very good year for me, being elected President of our Association and also receiving the Miller Medal. It does not get much better than that, folks! I would like to thank everyone who voted for me, and I promise to do the best that I can as your President these next two years.

Of course, I will need all the help that I can get from all of our members, and I will gladly take any ideas that you may have. Write to me or telephone me with your suggestions and thoughts.

As you know, this past April 20-26, 1997 was the National Coin Week, and several local coin clubs placed an exhibit or display somewhere in their area to create more interest in and promotion of our hobby.

As you all know, our Association's membership, and other like organizations as ours, is not as strong as it could be. So, we have to do something to let the public plus young people know about our hobby and its organizations. Thus, it may be a good time to spend some of your older, low grade coins; you can also go to the bank and get Sussies, the dollar coin, half dollars, or Two Dollar Notes, and spend these. If you have not done these before, you would be amazed as how people react, not even knowing what a half dollar is!

I have just made contact with someone who is going to arrange to have a large number of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) videos, 'Money: History In Your Hands', sent to us to be given out to young people at local coin clubs and shows. A junior member today may well be the President of your local coin club someday.

As mentioned elsewhere in this Issue, our Association is planning on having a coin show again. All suggestions and thoughts would be warmly welcomed. Contact either myself or our Editor.

Also, Do Not Forget: The deadline for this year's Miller Medal nominations is June 30, 1997, and local coin clubs send your show data to 'Fred G. van den Haak, Coin Show Schedule, PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94506'.

Until The Next Issue: Enjoy Collecting!

Your President,

Gordon R. Donnell

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

It was just another coin club function, another in my--and others--constant and continuous cycle, week-by-week, month-by-month, to year-by-year. It was the recent annual Pot-Luck Dinner of the Napa Valley Coin Club, and like a few of those who 'care'--note this word--Your Editor arrived early to set-up tables, to place out chairs, to cover tables, and to work before eating.

Chuck White, the well-known jovial Falstaff of northern California numismatics, had driven-up, through the collapsing traffic of the Bay Area Interstates, picking-up and taking-along our Association's President.

My point is not this background; rather, to my shock, in passing conversation, Your Editor learned that Chuck is NOT a member of our Association, only one out-of his many memberships, and you know what his objection was: "You'll Will Make Me An Officer!".

Wow!, someone has chosen not to join our Association, or some other one, because he or she fears the service that might be asked! Of course, candidly, with so few actually doing the service, the reality is that Chuck's objective has validity!

Your Editor's point, however, with this introduction is to expound 'something' far more significant than pot-lucks, Interstate 80 traffic, or being elected an officer of this organization or any others; it is the advantage of belonging, and being part of 'something'.

Your Editor is legendary for the number of his memberships in an assortment of diverse organizations: professional, fraternal, hobby, special interest, and so on. Thus, Your Editor's position is the extreme; yet, the advantages of membership are solid and sure.

Your Editor, however, will defer to much more eloquent and elaborate arguments of others to support membership in this or that; for Your Editor, the reasoning is somewhat different.

Your Editor holds membership--proudly--in the Lorain Numismatic Association in Ohio and in the Visalia Coin Club in the lower Central Valley. Why? Because his memberships in those far-distant, never to be visited, coin clubs means 'something'.

Something? It is a statement, clear and concise, that Your Editor does support our hobby, not that others do also. When you join, you give moral support, you belong, and you are part of the success, and of the survival.

Belonging to those very distant coin clubs may be, in reality, only on paper; yet, the events in Lorain, its corn roast, and the trials of Visalia, its successive change in officers, are no different nor worst or far better than of our own local coin clubs just a few miles and minutes away. With this, one earns perspective and also balance.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: NCNA News and Happenings

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Will be on the "Third Monday, June 16, 1997, at Charlie Brown's [name change is possible, but location will remain unchanged], off I-80 near Powell at West Frontage, in Emeryville". Any Individual and Club Member, via its Club Delegate, are welcomed to attend. The Dinner Session beings at 6:30pm with the Business Session immediately thereafter. If you would like to attend, and as a courtesy, please telephone President Gordon Donnell at '510-526-0538'. Remember, the dinner costs are shared between the Association and each attendee.

Special Note: The name Charlie Brown's most likely may be changed on the sign and restaurant; however, the same location, under whatever name, will be used for this Board of Directors Meeting. If you wish, do telephone President Donnell for clarification or directions.

1997 Miller Medal Nominations

Again, call for written nominations by the Association's Individual and/or Club Members are reminded. The deadline is June 30, 1997, and nominations may be mailed to the Association's President at his mailing address: "1960 San Antonio, Berkeley, California, 94707-1620".

In summary, this Medal, which is our Association's highest award, is open to any fellow coin hobbyist of "at least five full years" of "verified record of service and support--significant and substantial involvement and interest--in numismatics". Membership in the Association's is not "a necessary requirement", but nominations are restricted "to any active coin hobbyist residing within California".

As of the printing of this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales, one written nomination has been received and another is anticipated to be submitted. Others are welcomed.

NCNA Heads and Tales

First, the next Issue is September 1997, with deadline date August 1, 1997, and all Coin Clubs are reminded to mail to "PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410" a complimentary copy of their respective periodical. Although Your Editor is member of many northern California coin clubs, and others, his personal copy, as a member, is NOT for NCNA Heads and Tales use; a separate filing system is used for this three-times-a-year periodical, and anything sent to his street address is overlooked and expedited differently. Your Cooperation Is Asked.

Second, included with this Issue is an Order Form for a medal, silver round, issue of a respective Club Member. This is a service provided FREE to Club Members: including Order Forms in each NCNA Heads and Tales issue. The stipulations are: at least one hundred fifty (150) copies are provided, on time for the next Issue, as space is available, plus the Club Member is a current Association member. No comments nor recommendations are done; simply, Order Forms are included. Interested Club Members may communicate with Your Editor at the aforementioned post office box.

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Clubs News and Happenings

Having been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these coin clubs:

Stanislaus County Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Livermore Valley Coin Club
Greater Houston Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Alameda Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Liberty Numismatic Society
Delta Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Solano Silver Round Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society

Stanislaus County Coin Club Announced a new meeting location: "Del Rio Restaurent, 3330 Atchinson, corner of Third and Atchinson, off Highway 108, in downtown Riverbank". This new meeting location became effective with the Club's April meetings, which remain the Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00pm sharp. An odd tidbit from the SCCC, as reported in the Club's February 1997 Gold Strike: "JOE YONAN brings the house down. Editor CHRIS YONAN's Dad was such a popular visitor at the December meeting that he brought the house down. Actually, it was part of the ceiling tile which he good-naturedly took on the head". In the January Gold Strike, it was noted that DOUG DANIELS, "our Club President, gave out special awards to Club members who helped out with various functions last year [1996]. These President's Awards are given to the following members: LESS SCHOOLCRAFT, STEVEN JASON, TERRY WOODWARD, HAL DEBOARD, CHRIS YONAN, VICE BRIGNOLO, GEORGE VETTERLY, GIL and VICKIE JACKSON, JOAN and AL ALVAREZ, who were also chosen as 'Members of the Year'". Both the Stanislaus County Coin Club and Gateway Coin Club are negotiating as to a joint 'Valley Show'; decisions and details pending.

San Francisco Coin Club Reports that its meeting starting time is now 7:30pm and that its meeting remains the Fourth Tuesday at the "Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval, corner of Taraval at 38th Avenue, in the Sunset District, San Francisco". Recent SFCC meeting activities have been: January 28th, MIKE STANLEY, Novelty Notes, February 25th, STAN TURRINI, Washington and Lincoln, March 25th, Show 'n Tell theme 'My First Coin', and April 22nd, RON JOHNSON, Crocker National Bank and its Notes'. The SFCC re-

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minds that its 1997 Officers and Board of Governors are: GORODN DONNELL, President, MIKE STANLEY, Vice-President, HANS HANSSON, Secretary-Treasurer, STAN TURRINI, Governor, MEL KRINSKY, Governor, JOHN SEARS, President Emeritus, and CAROL SNEDAKER, Governor Emeritus.

Livermore Valley Coin Club Continues to meet at the "Livermore Public Library, 7:30pm, on the Third Tuesday"; however, no street address nor directions are recorded. LVCC booster CHUCK WHITE won Best-of-Show at the past San Jose/California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Convention in Janurary 1997 with his 'Indians On Obsolete Banknotes'. ANGELA ZOBEL is the LVCC's new Secretary.

Greater Houston Coin Club This Club's highest award is its 'A.V. Montgomery Club Award', which was named for the Club's first President. A very elaborate but just system of selection has been established by the GHCC and was reprinted in its February 1997 Double Shift, the GHCC's monthly newsletter. This could easily be copied verbatim by other local coin clubs. The 1996 recipient of this Award was GHCC Secretary BERNARD LOEBE. For information on this Award of our sister Texas coin club, write to: "GHCC, PO Box 2936, Houston, Texas, 77252-2963".

San Jose Coin Club Recent SJCC meeting activities have been: January 8th, DON BARSI, 'Rarity In United States Coinage', February 12th, extended Show 'n Tell with eighteen participants, maybe a SJCC record, and March 12th, ED SINS, 'Silver In Trade', the third part in his series on the monetary and economic uses of Silver throughout recorded history. Going back to the February 12th meeting, the eighteen participants were: JOHN SARTI, JR., DON BARSI, CHARLES KAPPEN, JOHN JENCEK, WALLY WALLAKER, CHUCK WHITE, BILL HIGGINS, KEN BARR, AL LO, GORDON DONNELL, ED SINS, HOWARD WHEELER, DANNY RESES, BRUCE BRAGA, PETER FLORES, ACE ESTES, RICH NEDVED, and GARY ACQUISTPACE. PETER FLORES is the SJCC's informative and provocative monthly newsletter Editor, and he has wandered the InterNet and picked-up some interesting circulation find stories; Here is one: "Just before Christmas, I met several friends of long-standing, twenty years and not coin collectors, at a local topless club for a couple of drinks. I got a quarter in change for a beer and it looked odd, but the light was dim. A closer inspection showed a 1943P silver Washington Quarter in fine (F) condition. Ah ha...I took-it up to the waitress and showed her what she had given me, and she wanted it back, but I would not give to her, since I had already promised to sell it to one of the guys for $1.00. Hey, a profit is where you find it. Anyway, I go back to the table, and we sit down, and in a couple of minutes, here are all these waitresses in the back by the pool tables checking all their change. Amusing. I told this story at the coin shop the next Saturday morning, and one of the folks asked me what in-the-hell was I doing in a topless club checking change, instead of girls! I had no answer to that.". As published the SJCC's April newsletter, page 4. Your Editor inquiries also to whether it was 'change' or the 'girls'!

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Sacramento Valley Coin Club Elected its 1997 Officers; they are: BUD BRAKOWIECKI, President, LORIN BAILEY, Vice-President, MARY-ANN HOPKINSON, Recording Secretary, ED HOPKINSON, Treasurer, and TESS JONES, Corresponding Secretary. The SVCC continues to meet on the Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings of each month starting at 7:30pm at: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Service Center, 5026 Don Julio Blvd., in North Highlands, fourth stoplight West of I-80 on corner of Elkhorn and Don Julio; meetings are usually in the Front Room of the Service Center. This year, 1997, marks the Club's Fortieth (40th) Anniversary, 1957-1997.

Fresno Numismatic Society Elected its 1997 Officers; they are: JOHN CLIFTON, President, DAVID JOSEPHINE, Vice-President, PHIL PLETTNER, Treasurer, and RANDY CLIFTON, Secretary, with RUTH PHILLIPS, Coin-A-Rama Coordinator. This Society now meets twice-a-month, as follows: Second Tuesday, at 7:30pm, at "University Presbyterian Church, 1776 East Roberts, off of Bullard and Cedar, in Fresno" and Fourth Sunday, at 1:30pm, at "Beverly Park Club House, 2970 East Wedlron, off of First and McKinley, also in Fresno". The Fourth Sunday meetings are strictly social gatherings: bingo, drawings, and auction, with no formalities nor business.

Alameda Coin Club Continues to meet on the Second Tuesday, starting at 7:30pm, at "Citibank Savings, Meeting Room, 1526 Webster, corner of Webster and Haight, on Alameda". The ACC has had no meeting programs (themes, speakers, and such) so far this year. The 1997 Officers were reelected; they are: GORDON DONNELL, President, STAN TURRINI, Vice-President, CHUCK WHITE, Treasurer, and DON BARSI, Secretary, with him also Editor of the ACC's monthly newsletter, Thick-and-Thin Times. The ACC ended 1996 with a Christmas Party at Alameda's Village Pizza, missing only the Treasurer, who ran-out-of-gas in downtown Oakland!

Cupertino Coin Club Reports its recent meeting events have been: January 10th, WALLY WALLAKER, 'Coin Preservation', February 12th, Bingo, March 14th, CHUCK WHITE, 'Seven Centuries in Seven Minutes' [ancient coins], and April 11th, Installation Party. The 1997-1998 CCC Officers are: ARDEN 'ACE' ESTER, President, AL LO, Vice-President, GREG TYSON, Youth Vice-President, GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Corresponding Secretary, and BRUCE BRAGA, Treasurer. It was noted that CHUCK WHITE, speaker at the March 14, 1997 meeting, has had a long involvement with the CCC, starting in 1975 as a winning coin show exhibitor! Here is a nice tidbit from the CCC's January 1997 Coin Press: "Once again this year, just as this issue of the Coin Press was about to be printed, a list of the top five numismatic predictions for 1997 was received by a member calling him/herself 'Gnoster Dommus'. First, the $825,000.00 Twenty Dollar Saint Gaudens mentioned earlier in this issue will turn out to be a piece of chocolate covered with tinfoil. This will not be known until PCGS tries to slab it, and the chocolate comes whooshing out.". There were some other real-good-ones; but, you can get-the-picture! Wait Until 1998!

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Redwood Empire Coin Club Had a SUPERB GREAT two-day Coin Show in March, breaking all records!. The Gold Coin Drawing winners were: CHRIS NOLAN, MIKE GUY, BOB GUFFEY, MIKE GUY and a K. WEINSTEIN. This Show had a Coin Show Dinner also at Santa Rosa's Cattlemen's Restaurant with an attendance of forty-three (43). G&G Market, a Sonoma County landmark, donated two cases of fine wines as Drawing Prizes. Recent RECC meeting events have included: January 8th, 'My Favorite Coin' and March 12th 'Hot Dog Nite', the latter had three fine Show 'n Tells: First, "there was MIKE STANLEY. One of his claims-to-fame is a cameo role on the old 'Hawaii 5-0' episode called the 'The $100.000.00 Nickel'. This was about a con-artist who swapped a fake 1913 Liberty Nickel for the real-thing at a Honolulu coin show. MIKE got to play a coin dealer, of course, and the real 1913 Nickel WAS there for a brief period." Second, "STAN TURRINI proudly showed us his complete collection of Small Size Red Seal Notes [United States Notes]. These were all in crisp uncirculated condition. For those of us who are still trying to complete ANY collection, it was nice to see how rewarding it can be." Lastly, "LEE GONG brought THE weakest struck Morgan Dollar known to exist. The only features on the coin were the denticles, from which he can reasonably place the mintage date as 1921S. This Dollar is featured in Van Allen and Mallis' (VAM) Morgan and Peace Dollar book, on page 131."

Gateway Coin Club Regrets to report, after twenty-three (23) years, due to a policy change at MercedMall, that its June Coin Show is cancelled. The GCC intended to push for its Twenty-Fifth (25th) Anniversary Show in 1998, pending date and site decision. Elected to two-year terms in December 1996 were DOYLE HARMER, Vice-President, and RON LUND, Treasurer. The March 20th meeting was "the Club's first White Elephant Sale" which "raised over $77.00 for the Club coffers, as such non-numismatic related items as Campbell Series Soup Cards, cans of test cola, a glass froster, and Ansel Adams prints were auctioned, with the Club gaining half of the winning bids on each item." Other recent GCC meeting activities have been: February 6th, BILL JONES, Personal Reminisces and Reflections on Collecting, March 6th, BILL JONES, again, calling Bingo, and April 3rd, TERRY WOODWARD, 'Preserving Coins Properly', plus April 17th, Annual Gateway Open House.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Have received only one PCNS Bulletin, its January 1997 Issue. The January 22nd meeting heard PCNS President HERB MILES on 'The President's Prerogative'. Among the 1997 PCNS Officers are: HERB MILES, President, MARIAN SINTON, Vice-President, and RICK WEBSTER, Treasurer.

Liberty Numismatic Society Recent LNS meeting activities have been: January 7th, JIM ROSEN, 'A Change In Australian Currency', February 4th, Medals Night--"It was February, so there must have been a 'Medals Night'. True to form, Medals Chairman JIM ROSEN presented Director NEVIO ANDREATTA with one of three off-medal sets of the 1996 LNS medals bearing his handiwork. The other two

sets were auctioned off to mail-bidder GORDON JEFFREY WITHERS, at $40.00, and MARIAN SINTON, at $36.00. Designer ANDRETTA placed the $24.00 winning bid for the canceled die which had been used to strike the medals."--March 4th, TOM LOVELACE, video on 'Coins of India', and April 1st, REGAN SHEA, 'A Short Course On Broken Bank Notes'. The 1997 LNS Officers are: TOM LOVELACE, President, CHUCK WHITE, Vice-President, GENE HOY, Secretary, GORDON DONNELL, Treasurer, with NEVIO ANDREATTA, STU DENTON, JIM ROSEN, MARIAN SINTON, REGAN SHEA, and MIKE SULAK, as Directors. The LNS reports that former "Director PETER COLLIANDER announced his move to Cupertino. PETER has contributed much to the Society, and we will miss him. No one can match his wry sense of humor and numismatic attachment to all that is bovine". The donated bottle of 1943 steel Lincoln Cents finally went for $91.00 to CHUCK WHITE.

Delta Coin Club Congratulations to SYD KASS for being bestowed the DCC's first-ever President's Award at the Annual Dinner last January 10th by DCC President KEVIN MALOY: "SYD is involved in all aspects and works tirelessly in support of the Delta Coin Club. He was presented with a clock engraved with his name and the name and date of the award". The 1997 DCC Officers are: KEVIN MALOY, President, SHARON CARMAN, Vice-President, LORIS ENZMINGER, Treasurer, ED CARMAN, Recording Secretary, and SYD KASS, Corresponding Secretary.

Peninsula Coin Club The PCC has a temporary meeting location change to "Stickneys Restaurant, in Town & Country Village, at El Camino and Embarcadero, in Palo Alto." The 1997 PCC Medal will honor David Packard (1912-1996) of Hewitt-Packard fame and was designed by RICHARD POLLAK. The PCC 1997 dues are payable at $3.00 adult and $1.00 youth, remaining unchanged since 1968!

Solano Silver Round Club A Couple Of Important Announcements From The SRRC: First, its 1997-1998 Officers are: STAN TURRINI, President, JOE SIROIS, Vice-President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Treasurer, and JAN HENKE, Secretary, who will also remain its Editor of the monthly Silver Notes; Second, the design by DENNIS LOTSPEICH, of Rancho Palos Verdes, was selected for this Club's 'Old Ironsides' [Bicentennial/Two Hundredth (200th) Anniversary, 1779-1997] silver round issue; Order Form is included with this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales; Third, the Club has held two successful Quarterly Drawings, December 1996 at $185.00 and March 1997 at $250.00; Fourth, the Club has a new meeting site, with the time and date remaining the Second Thursday with 6:00pm Dinner/Arrival, and it is: "J.J. North's Grand Buffet, 1315 Gateway Boulevard, near Solano Mall at east end, between Good Guys and Michaels, in downtown Fairfield". Lasty, this Club will hold its semi-annual Open Meeting with Quarterly Drawing at the Vallejo Coin Show on Sunday, June 29, 1997, held at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at End North Camino Alto, in Vallejo. The SSRC will be one of three groups gathering during this Vallejo Show. Admission Free, but $2.00 Parking.

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Diablo Numismatic Society Also Has Several Important Announcements: First, it too has a new meeting location at "Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #5187, Hall, 2290 Willow Pass Road, corner of Colfax and Willow Pass, in downtown Concord"; the meeting date and time remain unchanged: Third Thursday at 7:00pm, except in March, July, and December; Second, the 1997 Officers were elected, and they are: STAN TURRINI, President, JOHN RUSSELL, Vice-President, MIKE STANLEY, Secretary, and MIKE FIORE, Treasurer; Third, the Diablo Die Break, the Society's newsletter, is back to being a monthly, thanks to its new Editor BILL HEWITT, and he may be E-Mailed at 'WDXH34A@Prodigy.com': Fourth, recent DNS meetings have been: January 16th, MIKE FIORE, 'Small Size United States Currency', February 20th, STAN TURRINI, 'Washington and Lincoln', March 20th, Annual Anniversary Banquet, and April 17th, Bingo, and lastly, this Society will sponsor its first-ever, First Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, on Sunday, November 30, 1997, 9:00am to 4:00pm, at the aforementioned Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #5187, Hall. This first-ever Contra Costa Show will be a full-day multi-event with a twenty table exclusive bourse, exhibits, drawings, collector meetings, Information Table, and free gifts to young people. For information on this Show or the Society itself, contact via "PO Box 5473, Walnut Creek, California, 94596-1473" or telephone '510-825-0649'.

Fairfield Coin Club Has elected its 1997 Officers, and they are: JOE SIROIS, President, SANDY BEARDEN, Vice-President, RUSSELL LEACH, Treasurer, and JOHN BEARDEN, Secretary; both JOHN and SANDY will double as Editors for the FCC's monthly newsletter. FCC has sad news to report: WILBUR HUME passed-away last March 4, 1997; it was he and his wife, MARIE, who initiated the Fairfield Coin Club's famous May Pot-Luck, a tradition of many years. The Big News from the FCC is that is will sponsor its Eighth (8th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectible Show, next Sunday, September 28, 1997, hours 9:00am to 4:00pm [Note: previous reports of opening at 10:00am were in error; correct starting time is 9:00am.], at the Fairfield Community Center, Assembly Room, 1100 Kentucky, near Kentucky at Pennsylvania, in downtown Fairfield. This one-day Show will be a full-day multi-event, and the Bourse Coordinator is BILL BARTZ, and he may be telephoned at '707-435-8751'. Contacts may also be communicated to "PO Box 944, Fairfield, California, 94533".

Vallejo Numismatic Society Elected its 1997 Officers, and they are: MIKE STANLEY, President, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, Vice-President, MIKE FIORE, Secretary, and STAN TURRINI, Treasurer. Recent VNS meeting activities have been: January 3rd, Bingo, with prizes being two (2) rolls of Silver Eagles, February 5th, STAN TURRINI, 'Washington and Lincoln', and March 5th, SYD KASS, 'WEB Notes'; The April 2nd meeting was this Society's Annual Other Hobbies Night, and a roster of its participants will be published in the September 1997 NCNA Heads and Tales. The main-event news for this Society is its Silver Jubilee Twenty-Fifth (25th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, this Sunday, June 29, 1997, at Dan

Foley Cultural Center, site of all previous twenty-four (24) Vallejo Shows in Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street at End North Camino Alto, off Redwood Street at Tuolumne Street north, in Vallejo. This Silver Jubilee Show will be a full-day, all-day multi-event! American Numismatic Association (ANA) President KENNETH BRESSETT is scheduled to be present the whole day. Three groups are planned to gather: our Association [details reported elsewhere in this Issue], the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC), and Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC). There will be a full bourse, exhibits, All Gold Coin Drawing, free giveaways, gifts for the youngsters, and much more. Admission is Free; but, the Park charges $2.00 for parking. Information and requests for free Parking Passes may be mailed to 'PO Box 4281, Vallejo, California, 94590-0428' or telephone '510-825-0649'.

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pay; yet, those coin clubs gain another statistical counted member, and he received in return new acquaintances and correspondents.

Belonging to those very distant coin clubs may be only a token or gesture; yet, there is a principle here: if you are part of the hobby, then that is the hobby everywhere or anytime.

Maybe these pronouncements have nothing to do with Chuck's objection, which had its own credence. Maybe Your Editor's preference could not be accepted by others, and maybe, and most likely, Your Editor will never travel to nor attend a meeting in Lorain, Ohio or Visalia, California.

But--and this a very personal 'but'--it is enticing and enthralling to read that our hobby is so universal, and not really that different where-ever you might be. Somethings are altered or adapted, and somethings are not even done nor thought of; however, in the end, as Your Editor has pontificated before, our hobby is about people, and his fellow members in the Lorain Numismatic Association and the Visalia Coin Club need to know that he does 'care'.

Chuck White said his objection, and the mess was cleaned-up after the Pot-Luck; however, it has not stopped Chuck from joining distant coin clubs, since he, too, does 'care' and share the hobby.

In closing, that is what it is all about 'caring'.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

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Coin Show Update/News

Several members--Fred G. van den Haak, Mike Stanley, Vince Lacariere, Your Editor, to name a few--have initiated significant and substantive progress as to a site and date for our Association's coin show. Two or three sites have been rejected as inadequate or too costly, and at the next Board of Directors Meeting, on June 16th, Third Monday, much more serious and solid discussion and decisions will be done, with the intention of some plan of action.

The consensus seems to be for a location in the South Bay, namely the Santa Clara Convention Center, for a yet-to-be-determined date in the last half of 1998 or anytime in 1999. Of course, this is all tentative; however, key personnel and the concept are in-place. Those interested are urged to attend the aforementioned next Board of Directors Meeting. Written comments may be mailed to Your Editor or the President, if you wish.

Open Meeting For Our Association

Our Association will hold an Open Meeting, with the Executive Officers and any Individual Members present, during the Silver Jubilee Twenty-Fifth (25th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, June 29, 1997, at 3:00pm at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street to North Camino Alto to End in Foley Park, Vallejo. Admission is Free; however, there is a nominal $2.00 Parking Charge within the Park. Free Parking Passes Are Available. Read Further.

Agenda items will include discussion as to the intended coin show, and door prizes of uncirculated Morgan Dollars, 1880S, will be held, eligible to anyone, member or not, registering at this Open Meeting. American Numismatic Association (ANA) President Kenneth Bressett will be present at this Coin Show and will address our gathering, plus enjoy meeting and mingling with our Members and other visitors.

The exact location of this Open Meeting may be either on the Stage in the Center's main Lake Room or side meeting Vista Room. Additional details as to this Show are reported under Vallejo Numismatic Society in the Branch Mint Reports. Requests for free Parking Passes may be to the next individuals. Those interested in attending may telephone either our Association's President Gordon Donnell at '510-526-0538' or the Vallejo Numismatic Society's President Mike Stanley at '510-825-0649'.

Membership Roster Purged

A revised membership listing and mailing labels has been done, and those having failed to renew this year, 1997, or even last year, 1996, are being dropped effective with this Issue. No Dues Paid--No Membership.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB

'Old Ironsides' Issue

The Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC) is pleased to announce that orders are now being accepted for its 'Old Ironsides' Issue, commemorating the Bicentennial, Two Hundredth (200th) Anniversary, 1797-1997, of the frigate USS Constitution.

This Issue, as all previous medals of this Club, will be one ounce .999 fine silver with a mintage equal only to the total number of prepaid Orders received plus two for the Club's archives. No off non-silver medals will be minted, and these medals will not be serial numbered. Finish will be antiqued (oxidized).

The reverse design will depict the USS Constitution--the oldest commissioned naval vessel in the United States Navy--in full profile under sail. The obverse will be the well-known SSRC's Chief Solano logo.

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